



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

**MATSUSHITA, Junichi et al.**

Serial No.: **09/893,548**

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Group Art Unit: **2872**

Examiner: **J.L. Pritchett**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **4476**

For: **SLEEVE AND A MANUFACTURING  
METHOD THEREOF**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 23, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **June 30, 2003**, extended to **October 30, 2003** by a one month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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